

Economic and Regional Development. However, if he claims that this list should be corrected, then that is another matter.

● (1430)

**Hon. H. A. Olson (Minister of State for Economic Development):** Honourable senators, I shall have that list corrected to the complete satisfaction of my honourable friend, the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate. He is absolutely correct in saying that the legislative authority has not been passed by both houses of Parliament to change my title from Minister of State for Economic Development to Minister of State for Economic and Regional Development. However, there is no doubt that when things improve and Parliament can get on with its business, this matter will be dealt with as well. In any event, when I was asked to give my new designation, I replied very clearly that an "R", for Regional Development, was being added to my title, and once Parliament is in a position to deal with the legalities and the statutory requirements for which we on this side of the house have a great deal of respect, that will be the case. However, it will not be the case until both houses of Parliament pass it.

**Senator Flynn:** Of course, the legislation could be introduced in the Senate since it is not a matter involving money. If the honourable senator intends to take this approach, I hope that he will include more initials, because to have the "R" stand for Regional Development does not make sense.

**Senator Olson:** Honourable senators, I have long since given up trying to find rational explanations—

**Senator Flynn:** Without success.

**Senator Olson:** —for interpretations which my honourable friend puts on most things. Once in a while his interpretations can be quite accurate, but in most cases I do not follow his logic or reasoning.

**Senator Perrault:** It is tortuous.

**Senator Flynn:** It is very difficult for me to adjust to your thinking.

**Senator Olson:** If the honourable senator cannot understand the initials and chooses to give them other connotations, then that is his choice and his right, and I am sure that he will continue to exercise his right, so I can give no undertaking that I will try to sort out my honourable friend's thinking.

**Senator Perrault:** Two-syllable words seem to confuse him.

### AIR CANADA

#### ALLEGED MISLEADING ADVERTISING

**Hon. Jack Marshall:** Honourable senators, I have a question for the Leader of the Government in the Senate, and it deals with certain advertising by Air Canada. It seems that many Canadian citizens took advantage of an advertisement offering a return trip from Toronto to Vancouver at \$354, only to learn upon attempting to buy the tickets that there was a mistake, and the price was actually \$448. To my mind, this comes very close to misleading advertising. We receive reports almost

every month on the number of people and firms charged with misleading advertising, and I think that this may be a fine example. Would the Leader of the Government investigate the matter to determine whether Air Canada will be charged, and report back to this house?

**Hon. Raymond J. Perrault (Leader of the Government):** Honourable senators, I would appreciate it if Senator Marshall would provide me with the details or a copy of the reported advertisement which, according to him, misled a number of people into believing that they could fly out to springtime in Vancouver at a lower price than they were ultimately asked to pay.

**Senator Marshall:** How much do you pay?

**Senator Perrault:** I would suggest to the honourable senator that in the first instance he should write to Air Canada to determine whether or not there was simply a typographical error.

**Senator Marshall:** I would never receive a reply.

### THE ESTIMATES

#### DISTRIBUTION TO SENATORS—QUESTION OF PRIVILEGE

**Hon. Raymond J. Perrault (Leader of the Government):** Honourable senators, on February 24 Senator Marshall sought information on a question of privilege concerning the distribution of the estimates to senators. I contacted my colleague, the President of the Treasury Board, on this matter. I have been provided with the assurance that copies of the estimates were sent out both to senators and members of the House of Commons at the same time through the normal distribution channels.

The problem seems to be in the distribution system in the East Block. Senators and members of the House of Commons with offices in that particular building seem to receive material, sent through Distribution, one day after everyone else. That appears to be the case in the distribution of the estimates. Senators were sent all of the material at the same time as everyone else. Therefore, it is not the Senate which is "always last to receive them," but those parliamentarians who occupy offices in the East Block.

Honourable senators, I am taking steps to see what can be done to rectify the situation and to make sure that senators who occupy offices in the East Block receive material, sent through Distribution, at the same time as everyone else.

● (1435)

### FISHERIES AND OCEANS

#### NEWFOUNDLAND—ANNUAL SEAL HUNT—DYE SPRAYING OF SEALS BY PROTESTORS

**Hon. Raymond J. Perrault (Leader of the Government):** Honourable senators, Senator Marshall asked a question about dyeing yesterday—that is, the dyeing of seals.